

In the Specification:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

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Page 13, line 22, please delete "which."

Page 20, line 9, after "connection" insert --not--.

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1 as follows:

- Sub B1
1. A system having first and second processes residing on first and second computers used with backup or restore operations, wherein each of said first and said second computers are in communication with a data storage system storing data from at least said first and second computers [on] and a network, said system comprising at least one first communication mechanism residing on both said first and second computers for facilitating communications between said first and second processes over said network;
- a second communication mechanism residing on both said first and second computers for facilitating communication between said first and second processes through said data storage system; and
- means, within said first and second processes, for allowing said first and second processes to determine whether a communication [call] from said first and second processes is from [for] first or second communication mechanism.